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REQUEST YOU DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS TO THE NPG DEFENSE MINISTERS (MODS CARRINGTON, LEBER, TANASSI, VREDELING, SANCAR, KLEPPE AND RICHARDSON) AND THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL.

QUOTE AS YOU KNOW, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RICHARDSON HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE PRESIDENT TO ASSUME OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. I DEEPLY REGRET THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO LEAVE WASHINGTON TO TAKE HIS

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PLACE AT THE UPCOMING NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP MEETING IN ANKARA.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SECRETARY RICHARDSON HAS DETER-

MINED THAT AMBASSADOR ROBERT C. HILL, RECENTLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, WILL HEAD THE U. S. DELEGATION. AMBASSADOR HILL HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO FOUR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MEXICO AND SPAIN. HE HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN BUSINESS AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FROM 1965-68. HE HAS SERVED, AS WELL, ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WITH BOTH NEIL MCELROY AND THOMAS GATES, FORMER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE. DURING THE 1968 CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY, HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE.

AMBASSADOR HILL HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE, AS WELL AS THAT OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON; HE WILL REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH DISTINCTION. UNQUOTE. PORTER

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